

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 02 July 2020

Hello, you'll be aware that on the 4th July, this coming Saturday, the Government has given permission for various businesses to end their lockdown and start reopening, and for our high streets this a good thing because bars, restaurants, hairdressers, various businesses are what we need to ensure our high streets can continue to thrive. However, the reopening particularly of bars and pubs and restaurants brings with it issues. This won't be business as usual when you return to the pub. Chances are there are going to be restrictions in place on how many people can go in and possibly you won't get in at all. So, we're asking, if people are going to go out on the 4th and start enjoying some of freedoms which have been offered by Government, that people behave responsibly and be aware that it won't be business as usual. Please if you're queueing outside a bar then be respectful of people who may be living nearby. Keep the noise down. If you're going to go out drinking on our open spaces because you simply can't get into a pub, then please try to leave early and do take your litter home with you. This isn't the Council wanting to be old misery guts and party poopers. This is us wanting to make sure Richmond remains a good, lovely place for people to live, enjoy themselves, work, play, love, all of that and we can only do that if we work together. So, yes there will be a relaxation this weekend but please let's ensure it's a relaxation which brings benefits to Richmond and not problems. Thank you.